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NO. BILLERICA, MA 01862



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August 15, 2011

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1083X and AB-1084X – Boston and Maine Corporation & Springfield Terminal Railway Company – Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service – Watertown Branch – Middlesex County, MA – Verified Notice of Exemption

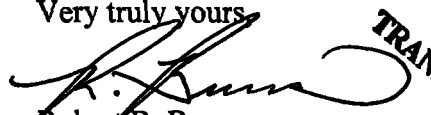
Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing with the Board in the subject docket is an original and ten (10) copies of Boston and Maine Corporation's and Springfield Terminal Railway Company's Verified Notice of Exemption for abandonment and discontinuance of service over the Watertown Branch. Also enclosed is a check totaling \$3,700 for the filing fees.

Should you have any questions in regard to this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (978) 663-1215. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

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Robert B. Burns
Legal Counsel
Boston and Maine Corporation

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BEFORE THE
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DOCKET NOS.:
AB 1083X
AB 1084X

BOSTON & MAINE CORPORATION
SPRINGFIELD TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY
--ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE--
WATERTOWN BRANCH, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

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Counsel for:
BOSTON AND MAINE CORPORATION
SPRINGFIELD CORPORATION
RAILWAY COMPANY

Dated: August 15, 2011

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BOSTON & MAINE CORPORATION
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-ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE-
WATERTOWN BRANCH, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Boston & Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company (the "B&M") files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. §1152.50. This Notice of Exemption seeks to abandon and discontinue service by B&M over a line of railroad known as the Watertown Branch in Watertown, MA and Cambridge, MA extending from milepost 4.28 to milepost 6.0 (the "Line") in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. In accordance with the aforementioned regulations, B&M make the following responses:

RESPONSE TO 49 C.F.R. SECTION 1152.50(d)(2):

1. Proposed Consummation Date.

The proposed consummation date of this abandonment and discontinuance is on or about October 5, 2011.

2. Certification Required in Section 1152.50(b).

The required certification is set forth as **Exhibit B** to this Notice of Exemption.

3. Information required in Section 1152.22(a)(1-4),(7),(8) and (e)(4).

(a) General.

(1) Exact name of applicant.

Boston & Maine Corporation
Springfield Terminal Railway Company

- (2) Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad subject to the Interstate Commerce Act.

B&M and ST are common carriers by railroad subject to the Interstate Commerce Act.

- (3) Relief sought.

B&M and ST seek to abandon and discontinue service over the line.

- (4) Detailed map of the line.

Map is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**

- (7) Name, title and address of representative of applicant to whom correspondence should be sent.

Robert B. Burns, Esq.
Pan Am Railways
Iron Horse Park
North Billerica, MA 01862

- (8) United States Postal Zip Codes that the line traverses.

Zip Code(s): 02471 (Watertown)
02138 (Cambridge)

- (e) Rural and community impact.

- (4) Statement of whether the properties proposed to be abandoned are suitable for use for other public purposes, including roads or highways, other forms of mass transportation, conservation, energy production or transmission, or recreation. If the applicant is aware of any restriction on the title to the property, including any reversionary interest, which would affect the transfer of title or the use of property for other than rail purposes, this shall be disclosed.

B&M is unsure about the suitability of the Line for public non-rail purposes. As of the effective date of this abandonment, B&M's intent is to salvage the rail material the real property may be

sold off to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other interested parties.

4. The Level of Labor Protection

Applicants understand that, in exempting the proposed abandonment and discontinuance, the Board does not relieve the carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of employees. See 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(c). Accordingly, the Applicants anticipate that the Board will impose the conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co. –Abandonment- Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979), for the benefit of employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment and discontinuance.

5. Certificate of Compliance with the Notice Requirements of Section 1152.50(d)(1).

The required certificate is set forth as **Exhibit C** to this Notice of Exemption.

6. Environmental Report and Historical Report.

The Environmental /Historical Report required by 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 and 1105.8 is attached as **Exhibit D** to this Notice of Exemption. Attached, as **Exhibit C**, is a certificate affirming B&M's compliance with 49 C.F.R. 1105.11, 1105.7 and 1105.8.

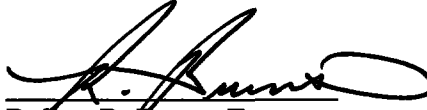
7. Newspaper Notice.

The Newspaper Notice required by 49 C.F.R. 1105.12 was published on August 4, 2011, in the Boston Globe. An affidavit/certification from this newspaper is attached as **Exhibit C**.

8. Verification.

The required verification is set forth as **Exhibit E** to this Notice of Exemption.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert B. Burns, Esq.
Law Department
Boston & Maine Corporation
Springfield Terminal Railway Company
Iron Horse Park
North Billerica, MA 01862

Counselor for:
Boston and Maine Corporation
Springfield Terminal Railway Company

Dated: August 15, 2011

Attachments: Exhibit A -- Map
Exhibit B -- Certificate of Compliance with 49 C.F.R. §1152.50(b)
Exhibit C -- Certificate of Compliance with 49 C.F.R. §1152.50(d)(1) and
§1105.7, §1105.8 and §1105.11.
Exhibit D -- Environmental/Historical Report
Exhibit E -- Verification

EXHIBIT A

Watertown Branch Abandonment

Beginning of Abandonment
And Discontinuance
M.P. 4.28 = Sta. 0+00

End of Abandonment
And Discontinuance
M.P. 6.00 = Sta. 87+90


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Boston & Maine Corporation
Office of the Vice President - Engineering
Proposed Abandonment and Discontinuance
Of Track between M.P. 4.28 and 6.00
Watertown Branch
Cambridge & Watertown, MA
Valuation Section 36.2, Maps 1 & 2
June 7, 2011 Scale: 1"=2,000'

EXHIBIT B

CERTIFICATION REQUIRED
IN 49 C.F.R. SECTION 1152.50(b)

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. Section 1152.50(b), I hereby certify that, with respect to the line, which is the subject of the Notice of Exemption in Docket No. AB 1083X and AB 1084X and: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least two years prior to the date hereof; and (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; and (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or state or local agency acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line is either pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period prior to the date hereof. The foregoing certification is made on behalf of the Boston & Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company by the undersigned after due and careful investigation of the matters herein certified and based on the best knowledge, information and belief of the undersigned.


Robert B. Burns, Esq.

Dated: August 15, 2011

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH
NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF
49 C.F.R. §1152.50(d)(1)
AND
49 C.F.R. §1105.11
AND
49 C.F.R. §1105.7
AND
49 C.F.R. 1105.8**


In accordance with 49 C.F.R. Section 1152.50 (d) (2), I hereby certify that:

(A) On August 1, 2011, at least 10 days prior to the date of filing of the Notice of Exemption to which this certificate is attached, I caused to be served by U.S. first class mail, postage pre-paid, the notice required by 49 C.F.R. Section 1152.50(d)(1), upon the following: (i) the Public Service Commission (or equivalent agency) in the State(s) where the line will be abandoned or the service of trackage rights discontinued; (ii) Department of Defense (Military Traffic Management Command Transportation Engineering Agency, Railroads for National Defense Program); (iii) National Park Service, Recreation Resources Division; and (iv) U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Chief of Forest Service.

(B) On July 14, 2011, I complied with all the requirements of the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §1105.7 and §1105.8, and §1105.11 as set-forth therein, including but not limited to, by serving (at least 20 days prior to filing the Notice of Exemption) a copy of the Environmental/Historical Report upon the parties listed in §1105.7(b), and/or the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer(s), as required by §1105.11, via First Class Mail, postage prepaid.

(C) In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(c), I hereby certify that with respect to the line, which is the subject of the Notice of Exemption filed herewith, and pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1105.12, I have published a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the line is located before the date of the Notice of Exemption was filed (see attached certification of the Boston Globe).

Dated: August 15, 2011



Robert B. Burns

Order: 2000523483
ID: Rail Service
Class: LEGAL
Begin Date: 8/4/2011
End Date: 8/4/2011

SPRINGFIELD TERMINAL RAILWAY
1700 IRON HORSE PARK
NO. BILLERICA, MA 01862

To place an ad: 617-929-1500

The Boston Globe

CERTIFIED

Below is your advertisement from THE BOSTON GLOBE, beginning 8/4/2011 and ending 8/4/2011, appearing 1 time(s) in Classification, LEGAL.

Thank you!
Boston Globe Advertising

Notice of Intent to Abandon and to Discontinue Rail Service
Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company (collectively, "B&M") hereby give notice that on or about August 15, 2011, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152.5b(d)(1), "Exempt Abandonments - permitting the abandonment of and discontinuance of service of a 1.7 mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 4.28 to milepost 6.0, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 02471 (Watertown, MA) and 02138 (Cambridge, MA) in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB - 1083X and AB - 1084X.

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0296.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 395 F Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001 (See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)), and one copy must be served on applicants' representative (See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (866) 254-1792. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative.

Robert B. Burris, Esq.
Corporate Counsel
Boston & Maine Corporation
1700 Iron Horse Park
North Billerica, MA 01862

WATERTOWN BRANCH
ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORICAL REPORT
Docket Nos. AB 1083X and AB 1084X

I. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7 (e):

(1) Proposed Action and Alternatives

The Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company (the "Applicants") propose to abandon and discontinue service over an approximate 1.7 mile portion of the so-called "Watertown Branch" line of railroad (the "Line") located in Watertown and Cambridge Massachusetts. A map of the proposed abandonment and discontinuance has previously been provided to all parties receiving this report, and is attached as Exhibit A.

Due to the inability to generate traffic over the Line, there is no reasonable alternative to abandonment and discontinuance.

(2) Transportation System

There will be no substantial effect on existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns.

There is no passenger or freight traffic on the Line. Any traffic previously moving over the Line was rerouted well more than two years ago.

(3) Land Use¹

- (i) The Applicants believe that the proposed action is consistent with and in furtherance of local land use plans.
- (ii) The Applicants believe the proposed action will have no effect or adverse impact on any prime agricultural land.
- (iii) This action is outside the boundary of the Massachusetts coastal zone.
- (iv) Applicants are unsure whether the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906.

(4) Energy

- (i) The transportation of energy resources will not be effected by the proposed action.
- (ii) The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.
- (iii) The proposed action will increase overall energy efficiency in that it will allow Applicants to eliminate their potential responsibility for costly and energy-consuming maintenance operations for an unused portion of line.
- (iv) The proposed action will not cause a diversion from rail to motor carrier in excess of the threshold levels set forth at § 1105.7 (e)(4)(iv)(A) or (B).

(5) Air

The proposed action will not result in any of the increases set forth at § 1105.7 (e)(5).

¹ The Applicants attach to this Environmental/Historical Report as an Appendix, all correspondence received from federal, state, and local authorities and agencies in response to the Applicants' request for comments regarding the proposed abandonment/discontinuance of service.

(6) **Noise**

The proposed action will not result in or exceed any of the thresholds set forth at § 1105.7 (e)(6).

(7) **Safety**

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect on public health and safety.

(ii) No hazardous materials will be diverted to highway transportation.

(iii) No known hazardous waste sites or spills exist on the Line.

(8) **Biological Resources**

(i) Applicants know of no endangered or threatened species or critical habitats that will be affected by the proposed action. The Applicants previously requested comments from the New England Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in this regard. The Service has not responded to Applicants with any federally-listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as being known in the project area(s).

(ii) Applicants believe no national or state parks or forests will be affected by the proposed action.

(9) **Water**

(i) The Applicant contemplates no action inconsistent with federal, state and/or local water quality standards.

(ii) The Applicant does not believe the proposed action will require any permits under § 404 of the Clean Water Act. Salvage operations are expected to be undertaken. There are no known swampy conditions located in the area of Mile Post 4.28 & Mile Post 6.0. There are no indications of environmental contamination. No

designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected by the proposed action.

(iii) It is not expected that permits under § 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required for the proposed action. However, rail salvage operations will be undertaken.

(10) **Proposed Mitigation**

Whereas no adverse environmental impacts are expected to result from the proposed action, no mitigation will be needed or is planned.

(11) **Additional Information for Rail Constructions**

The proposed action is not a rail construction proposal, so this section does not apply.

II. HISTORIC REPORT

The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8 (d):

(1) **Maps**

A map of the line is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(2) **Description of Right-of-Way**

The portion of Line at issue is approximately 1.7 miles in length. The width of the right-of-way varies from 20+/- feet to 66+/- feet in width. The attached topographic map indicates the Line's topography.

(3) **Photographs of Railroad Structures**

The Applicants know of no sites or structures on the Line that are 50 years or older or that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Applicants have requested comments from the Massachusetts Historic Commission in regard to the anticipated effect of the proposed action on historical resources. The Historical Commission has responded by letter (attached) and has indicated that

they have “identified no recorded historic or archaeological Assets in the project area.”

(4) **Construction Dates**

The Applicants know of no sites or structures on the Line that are 50 years or older or that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

(5) **History of Operations**

No local or overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years. The proposed abandonment will not effect carrier operations in the area.

(6) **Summary of Useful Documents**

The Applicants know of no sites or structures on the Line that are 50 years or older or that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(7) **Opinion as to Historical Significance**

The Applicants know of no sites or structures on the Line that are 50 years or older or that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Applicants have requested comments from the Massachusetts Historic Commission in regard to the anticipated effect of the proposed action on historical resources. The Historical Commission has responded by letter (attached) and has indicated that they have “identified no recorded historic or archaeological Assets in the project area.” The Applicants are not aware of any culturally significant locations, archaeological sites or unique landforms located along the Line or that will be affected by the proposed action.

(8) **Description of Prior Subsurface Disturbance**

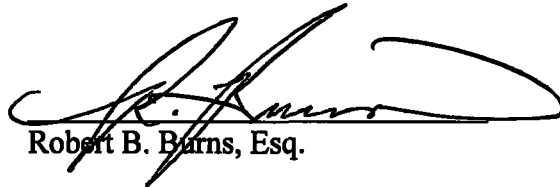
The Applicants know of no prior subsurface ground disturbances or fill, or environmental conditions that might affect the archeological recovery of resources and the surrounding terrain.

III. **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This certifies that the Applicants have served copies of this Environmental/Historical Report upon and, prior to such service, consulted, or attempted to consult, with the following parties:

***** **SEE ATTACHED BELOW** *****

Dated this 15TH day of August, 2011.


Robert B. Burns, Esq.

Environmental/Historical Report Service List
Watertown Branch – AB – 1083X and AB -1084X

Financial Assistant
Department of Housing and
Community Development
One Congress Street, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Regional Director
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection
Northeast Regional Office
205B Lowell Street
Wilmington, MA 01887

Susan Snow-Cotter
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Coastal Zone Management Program
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
251 Causeway Street, STE 800
Boston, MA 02114-2138

Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDA
451 West Street
Amherst, MA 01002

Mayor's Office
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139

Town Manager
149 Main St.
Watertown, MA 02472

State Historic Preservation Office
Director of Architectural Review
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125

Office Director
Office of Environmental Stewardship
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
New England, Region 1
1 Congress Street, STE 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

New England Field Office
U.S. Department of Interior
Fish & Wildlife Service
70 Commercial Street, STE 300
Concord, NH 03301

Chief, Public Affairs Office
New England District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742-2751

Regional Director
Northeast Region
National Park Service
U.S. Customs House
200 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

District Conservationist
USDA – NRCS
319 Littleton Road, STE 205
Westford, MA 01886-4133

Simon Monroe, Geodetic Tech
Geodetic Services Division
National Geodetic Survey
NOAA, N/NGS-12
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3293

EXHIBIT A

[Map]

Watertown Branch Abandonment

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APPENDIX TO
ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORICAL REPORT



Michael J. Driscoll
Town Manager

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July 1, 2011

Robert B. Burns
Springfield Terminal Railway Company
Boston & Maine Corporation
Maine Central Railroad Company
1700 Iron Horse Park
North Billerica, Massachusetts 01862

RE: Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service of ^{Watertown} Hampton Branch
Docket Nos.: AB - 1083X and AB - 1084X

Dear Mr. Burns,

As a follow up to the attached correspondence regarding the subject, the Town of Watertown knows of no adverse effect that the proposed abandonment and discontinuation of service will have, and does not object to the proposed action.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Driscoll
Town Manager

cc: Honorable Town Council
Senator Steven Tolman
Representative Jonathan Hecht
Representative John J. Lawn
Steven Magoon, Director, Community Development and Planning
Gerald S. Mee, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works



United States Department of Agriculture

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June 27, 2011

Robert B. Burns, Esq., Corporate Counsel
Springfield Terminal Railway Company
Boston & Maine Corporation
1700 Iron Horse Park
North Billerica, MA 01862

RE: Abandonment of and Discontinuance of Service of ~~Hampton~~ ^{Watertown} Branch
Docket Nos.: AB - 1083X and AB - 1084X

Dear Sir:

I am not aware of any adverse effect that the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service of the above mentioned rail line will have on agricultural resources or businesses in the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Lenthall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Daniel J. Lenthall
District Conservationist



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

July 7, 2011

Robert Burns
Corporate Counsel
Springfield Terminal Railway Company
Boston & Maine Corporation
Maine Central Railroad Company
1790 Iron Horse Park
North Billerica, MA 01862

RE: Watertown Branch Railroad Line 1.72 Mile Abandonment, Watertown and Cambridge, MA; MHC#
RC. 36872. Docket Nos. AB-1083X and AB-1084X.

Dear Mr. Burns

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, have reviewed information submitted for the project referenced above. The project involves the abandonment of an approximately 1.72 miles of railroad in Cambridge.

Review of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth identified no recorded historic or archaeological assets in the project area.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800). If you have any questions, please contact Linda Santoro at this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Bell'.

Edward L. Bell
Senior Archaeologist
Massachusetts Historical Commission

xc: Victoria Rutson, Surface Transportation Board
Cambridge Historical Commission
Watertown Historical Commission

Burns, Robert

From: Simon Monroe [Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 9:38 AM
To: Burns, Robert
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; Surveyorlady@yahoo.com; Gilbert Mitchell; Simon Monroe
Subject: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-1083X + AB-1084X

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for
CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS.

Approximately 05 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD] shall
consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to
beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic station
marks are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at
<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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HOSPITAL 1877

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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Northeast Region
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

IN REPLY REFER TO

L7619 (NER-RSS/RP&C)
Information Request

July 11, 2011

Robert B. Burns
Corporate Council
Boston & Maine Corporation
1700 Iron Horse Park
North Billerica, MA 01862

Subject: Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service of ~~Hampton~~ ^{Watertown} Branch
Docket Nos: AB-1083X and AB-1084X

Dear Mr. Burns,

The National Park Service Northeast Regional Office has received your request for information. Due to the large number of requests received in this office, we regret that we are unable to provide an individual response to each requestor. Following is a list of the resources of interest to the National Park Service. It is your responsibility to determine if your proposed project is located in the vicinity of, and may potentially affect, any of the listed resources and contact the manager of the specific resource for more information.

National Parks

The National Park System is comprised of over 380 areas throughout the U.S. and its territories. Management responsibility for each National Park unit lies with the Superintendent of that unit. Units of the National Park System can be located by commonly available materials such as highway and county road maps, or USGS topographic maps. Information about specific National Park units and contact information can be found at www.nps.gov.

National Historic Landmarks

National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) are nationally significant historic resources that possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. Information on NHLs can be found at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nhl/INDEX.htm>. The primary contact regarding potential effects of your proposed project on NHLs is the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Contact information for SHPOs by state can be found at <http://www.ncshpo.org/stateinfolist/fulllist.htm>. If your project could have an effect on a NHL you should include our Preservation Assistance Office/NHL Program Manager as an interested

party and provide information regarding the issues that may affect NHLs. In the event that the SHPO determines your project will have an adverse effect on a NHL under the Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 review process, you must then contact the NHL Program Manager and offer the NPS an opportunity to formally consult with your agency. Information on the 106 process should be sent to Bill Brookover at the National Park Service, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 10106 or by e-mail to bill_brookover@nps.gov.

National Natural Landmarks

The National Natural Landmarks Program recognizes and encourages the conservation of outstanding examples of our country's natural history in both public and private ownership. The National Park Service administers the National Natural Landmark Program and, if requested, assists National Natural Landmark owners and managers with the conservation of these important sites. A guide to National Natural Landmarks by state and contact information for National Natural Landmarks can be found at <http://www.nature.nps.gov/nnl/>.

National Heritage Areas

National Heritage Areas are places where natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography. National Heritage Areas may be managed by a State or local agency, a commission, or a private nonprofit corporation. The National Park Service provides technical and financial assistance for a limited time (usually 10-15 years) following designation. A list of National Heritage Areas and contact information can be found at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/CNTC/INDEX.HTM>.

National Trails System

The National Trails System is the network of scenic, historic, and recreation trails created by the National Trails System Act of 1968. These trails provide for outdoor recreation needs, promote the enjoyment, appreciation, and preservation of open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources, and encourage public access and citizen involvement. The National Trails System Act made it Federal policy to recognize and promote trails by providing financial assistance, support of volunteers, coordination with States, and other authorities. As a result, 8 National Scenic Trails and 15 National Historic Trails have been established by act of Congress, and are administered by the National Park Service, the USDA Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, depending on the trail, and over 800 national recreation trails have been designated through recognition by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior; and 2 side-and-connecting trails have also been certified. More detail and contact information for these trails can be found at http://www.nps.gov/nts/nts_trails.html. A state-by-state list of National Recreational Trails with contact information can be found at <http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails>.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund program provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is administered for the NPS through the state. Contact the State Liaison Officer directly for information regarding potential effects of your project. Contact information for State Liaison Officers can be found at http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/contact_list.html.

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program

The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program provides direct Federal assistance to urban localities for rehabilitation of critically needed recreation facilities. The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program is administered by the National Park Service. A list of funded cities and contact information for the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program can be found at <http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/uparr/>. If your project occurs in one of the funded or eligible cities, contact the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program directly for more information regarding potential effects of your project.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers System preserves certain rivers with outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations. There are four primary federal agencies charged with protecting and managing wild and scenic rivers: the Bureau of Land Management, the US Forest Service, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service. A list of designated rivers and contact information can be found at <http://www.rivers.gov/wildriverslist.html>. This website also contains information about the Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI), which is an additional list of river segments with significant natural and/or cultural values that should be considered in the planning process.

Wilderness Areas

The Wilderness Act of 1964 originated out of a national concern over trends affecting roadless areas on the national forests. But it was also applied to lands in the National Park System because of concerns about the erosion of roadless blocks within units of the National Park System. The Wilderness Act supplements the NPS's basic statutory authority. It serves as a permanent zoning device, with national legal sanction, determining where roads and structures will not intrude. A list of National Park Service Wilderness Areas and contact information can be found at <http://wilderness.nps.gov/maplocator.cfm>.

Thank you for your interest in the National Park Service and its programs.


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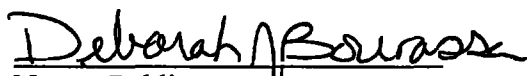
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Robert B. Burns, being duly sworn, states that he is an Attorney for the Boston & Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company; that he is authorized to verify and file with the Surface Transportation Board the foregoing Notice of Exemption in Docket No. AB 1083X and AB 1084X on behalf of the Boston & Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company; that he has carefully examined all of the statements in the Notice of Exemption; that he has knowledge of the facts and matters relied upon in the Notice of Exemption; and that all representations set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Robert B. Burns

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex County, this 10 day of August, 2011.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Feb 3, 2017



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